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Once upon a time, there was a poor farmer who had a lovely daughter. When he coincidently met the king, he boasted, "My daughter can spin straw into gold."

"If she truly has such a skill, we must test it immediately," said the king, locking the daughter in a room full of straw.

"I'll give you four days to turn this straw into gold. If you fail, I shall cut your head off."

And so the girl was left alone in the room.
Well... it seems she wasn't alone, actually.
Act 8.
Rumpelstiltskin

HU...
HUHU
HUHU
HU...
FATHER—!!

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SAY SUCH A LIE..? YOU'VE LIED ALL YOUR LIFE AND NOW IT'S AFFECTING YOUR OWN DAUGHTER TOO!
SLAM

SO I GUESS IN 3 DAYS I'LL HAVE MY HEAD CUT OFF...

Cold hungry...
.....

HMM.. WHAT IS THIS?
SO WARM..
Yawn~
HUH?
A QUILT? WHO BROUGHT IT OVER?

AND MY INJURIES WERE TREATED TOO?
THE KING? NO WAY.
THAT JERK WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING
THEN FATHER? IT CAN'T BE HIM EITHER HOW WOULD HE SNEAK INTO THE CASTLE?
That old man
THEN A BISHIE WHO'S SECRETLY IN LOVE WITH ME?!
Lulu
Lulu
Thump
What if it's a bishie?! I'm a dead boy! I'm a GONER

IF SOMEONE'S REALLY OUT THERE..
HELP ME..
YOU'VE CRIED AGAIN

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HE'S REALLY...
A BISHOUNEN...
HE'S...
?!!
HUH?
...NOT A BISHOUNEN BUT A DORKY DWARF?
Eh, heh... you're really short.
P, PARDON ME, BUT I'M A FAIRY!
What's the difference?
A FAIRY?

IT'S EMBARRASSING BUT YES, IT'S TRUE
HO~
EMBARRASSING? ANYWAY, SO THOSE DEEDS WERE DONE BY SOMEONE WHO HAD A CRUSH ON ME...
EH? EHH—?!
WHY? AM I WRONG?
IT'S NOT EXACTLY WRONG BUT... IF YOU SAY IT SO FORWARDLY, IT'S DIFFICULT TO ANSWER.
I HAVE NO TIME TO GIVE YOU A PROPER RESPONSE BUT SINCE WHEN DID YOU EVEN KNOW ME?

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KYA!
I'LL GET EATEN!
GRAB
?
HO
Oh~ I think I'll cook him on stone grill~
AHHH!

AND WHEN I SAW YOU AT THAT MOMENT
IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, RIGHT?
HUH?!
W, WELL THAT'S NOT...
I DECIDED TO HELP YOU WHEN YOU WOULD BE IN NEED OF AID
THEN...
YOU WERE THE ONE RANDOMLY FLING ACORNS BY OUR WINDOW AND SEWING CLOTHES WITH THOSE PITIFUL SKILLS?

I, I APOLOGIZE I ONLY WANTED TO HELP YOU
If you're going to help, help with the things at a moment of need
IT'S NOTHING IT WAS JUST A JOKE TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD
HA—BUT IT ISN'T THE TIME TO BE MAKING JOKES RIGHT NOW
?

EVEN THOUGH I'M A FAIRY, EVEN THOUGH I SAID I'D HELP, I'M NO USE AT ALL AT THE MOMENT OF NEED

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AND YOU STAYED BY MY SIDE LIKE THIS I WAS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT I'D DO ALONE
NO...
IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS...
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THERE'S ONE PERSON!
HEY—WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THAT PERSON CAN DEFINITELY...!
I BEG OF YOU MR. PEDDLER! I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE STRAW INTO GOLD!

WITHOUT A PRICE THERE CAN BE NO DEAL.
WHAT DO I GET IN RETURN FOR GRANTING YOUR WISH?
THEY'RE MY FAVOURITE BUTTONS
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
He's still half asleep
Or he wouldn't accept such a deal

YOU...
WHERE DID YOU GO? I THOUGHT YOU LEFT ME...
I'LL TURN THAT STRAW INTO GOLD.
WHAT?
IN RETURN...
I'LL HAVE TO GET A FINE REWARD FROM YOU.
AFTER DRINKING THE MEDICINE, YOU MUST RECEIVE A SUITABLE REWARD FROM THE GIRL. IF YOU FAIL, THE STRAW WILL NOT TURN TO GOLD.

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WOULD YOU MARRY ME?
THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME LEFT YOU DON'T WANT TO STAND AT THE GUILLOTINE TOMORROW DO YOU?
W, WHAT'S THIS, ALL OF A SUDDEN?

I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE, SO WHAT CAN I DO? FINE, I'LL MARRY YOU.
But is it even possible?
I ALREADY KNOW THAT MUCH.
ALRIGHT, THEN I'LL BEGIN.
THAT A HUMAN AND A FAIRY CAN'T BE WED
BUT IF THE PROMISE IS BROKEN, YOUR LIFE WILL BE IN GRAVE DANGER.

N, NO WAY!
SO IT WAS TRUE!
SHE'S AN INSOLENT BITCH, BUT SHE'S QUITE USEFUL.
Pfft
STARTING TODAY YOU'RE MY BRIDE LET US GET MARRIED TOMORROW!
Shh
WHAT?!?

YOU DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING ABOUT THIS—!!
Kyaa—
I'm rich~
Now please come with us
Prince
Prince
.....
HA HA HA
I'M SUDDENLY THE QUEEN?! I'VE ALREADY PROMISED A FAIRY—
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SHIT.
WHAT DO I DO IF I GET CAUGHT RUNNING AWAY I'LL REALLY DIE THIS TIME
IS YOUR LIFE THE ONLY IMPORTANT THING HERE? BECAUSE OF YOU THE FAIRY'S ALSO BARELY ALIVE
HI~
THE CAT'S TALKING!
THE FAIRY_? WHY?!?

YOU BROKE THE PROMISE, RIGHT? SO HE'S SUFFERING AS YOUR PUNISHMENT...
KEKEKE
HUH?
IF YOU GET CAUGHT LIKE THAT, THEY'LL KILL YOU IN NO TIME.
DID YOU THINK I'D MARRY AN UGLY KING LIKE THAT?

WAIT A SECOND
I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING
USEFUL
GASP
GASP
SLAM
GET OUT HERE!

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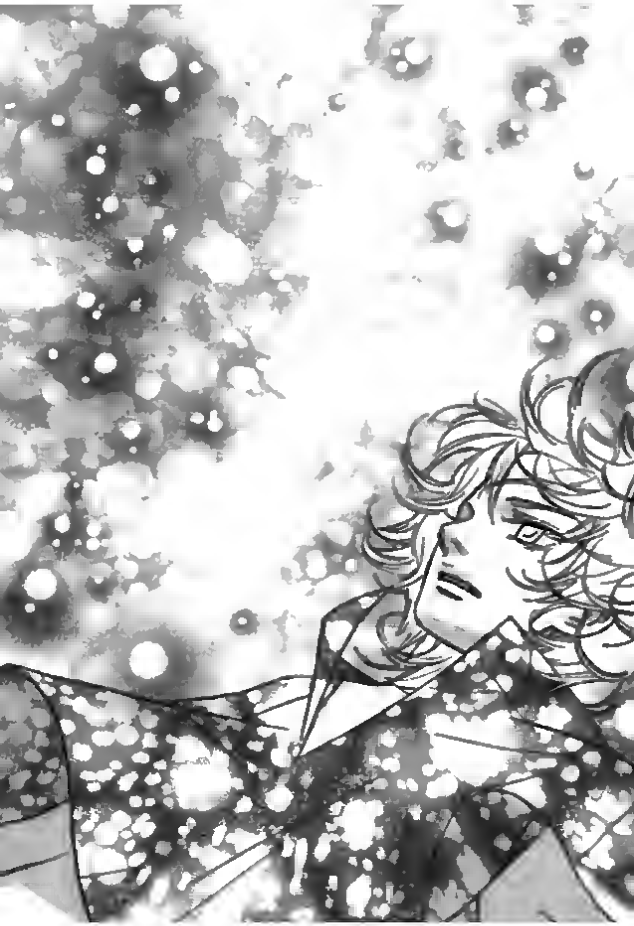
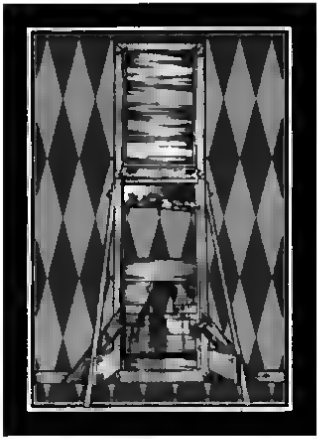


I WAS DEFINITELY...
MY NAME. HOW DID YOU KNOW IT?
But why are you so shocked?
A CAT...
A BLACK CAT...
The name of a fairy deflects all spells upon it.
Flash
Ha

PUNCH_!
Ugh!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
DID YOU THINK I'D BE THANKFUL TO YOU DYING FOR ME?!
YOU'RE TOO VIOLENT!
WHAT?!
M, my gold!
TAKE ALL YOUR STRAW BACK!!
What did you do now?
Save me.



I WANT MY MANGA NOW——
BAM!
Waaaa